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SUBJ: INDO CHINA OVERFLIGHTS

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1. ICAO/BANGKOK REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED EMBOFF THIS MORNING (OCT 21) THAT IT "CANNOT POSSIBLY BE TRUE" THAT AIR FRANCE WILL OVERFLY SRV BEGINNING DEC 2 AS PER REFTEL A. REP SAID ICAO HAD SET TARGET DATE OF DEC 2 FOR SUCH OVERFLIGHTS, BUT NOT RPT NOT NOW OPTIMISTIC THAT IT COULD BE MET.

2. ONE PROBLEM CONCERNS HIGH OVERFLIGHT FEES DEMANDED BY SRV, WHICH "EVERYONE" CONSIDERS EXCESSIVE. REP SAID IT APPEARS THAT LAOS MAY NOW BE ABOUT TO INCREASE ITS ASKING PRICE IN ORDER TO BRING LDPR FEES IN LINE WITH SRV, FURTHER COMPLICATING THE ISSUE.

3. PREVIOUS RTG HAD WANTED TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE LDPR AND SRV CIVAIR OFFICIALS BEFORE FINALIZING ANY OVERFLIGHT AGREEMENT. ICAO REP SAID NEW THAI DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION INDICATED HE WISHED TO DO SIMILARLY. CONSIDERING PRESENT STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN LDPR AND SRV GOVERN-
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MENTS AND NEW RTG, SUCH MEETINGS WOULD NOT SEEM IMMINENT.

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